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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	09/812,487	PERSHAN, BARRY PAUL
	Examiner Bing Q Bui	Art Unit 2642

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 January 2004.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 21-24 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 25 and 26 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 02 August 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 21-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rao et al (US Pat No. 5,583,564) cited in the previous Office Action, herein after referred as Rao.

Regarding claim 21, referring to figure 1, Rao teaches a communications method, comprising:

operating a first computer (e.g., terminal "14" associated with a caller) to contact a second computer (e.g., terminal "10" associated with a called party) to determine the status (e.g., busy or idle) of a telephone line coupled to the second computer system (e.g., terminal "10" associated with the called party) (see col. 3, ln 62-col. 4, ln 8); and performing a call routing operation as a function of the determined status (e.g., busy or idle) of the telephone line coupled to the second computer system (e.g., terminal "10" associated with the called party) (see col. 3, ln 62-col. 4, ln 64).

Regarding claim 22, referring to figure 1, Rao further teaches the performing a call routing operation includes:

operating the first computer to supply a telephone number to a service control point (see col. 3, ln 62-col. 4, ln 8); and

routing an incoming call to a telephone line identified by said telephone number (see col. 3, ln 62-col. 4, ln 64).

Regarding claim 23, referring to figure 1, Rao further teaches the routing an incoming call includes operating the service control point to send a message to a telephone switch to route the incoming call using said telephone number (see col. 3, ln 62-col. 4, ln 64).

Regarding claim 24, referring to figure 1, Rao further teaches prior to operating the first computer to contact the second computer:

triggering, in response to said incoming call, a terminating attempt trigger set on a first telephone service subscriber line corresponding to a service subscriber telephone number (see col. 5, lns 3-12).; and

contacting the service control point for call processing instructions in response to triggering of the terminating attempt trigger (see col. 5, lns 3-12)..

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-20 are allowed.
4. Claims 25-26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

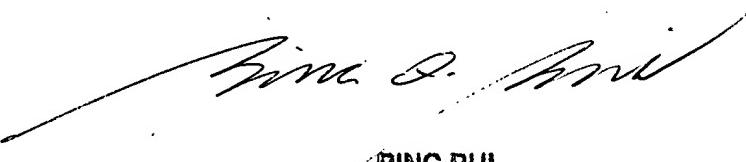
5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-26 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bing Bui whose telephone number is (703) 308-5858. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar, can be reached on (703) 305-4731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306 and for formal communications intended for entry (please label the response "EXPEDITED PROCEDURE") or for informal or draft communications not intended for entry (please label the response "PROPOSED" or "DRAFT").

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

Mar 24, 2004


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PATENT EXAMINER